

**COMMENTS INVITED ON DEPRECIATION RATE PRESCRIPTION PROPOSED  
FOR GTE- HAWAII AND GTE NORTHWEST  
ASD 00-27**

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The Common Carrier Bureau invites comments on proposed depreciation rates for two GTE companies. GTE submitted studies to the Commission in support of its depreciation rates. The staffs of the state public utility commissions and the Common Carrier Bureau reviewed the carriers' submissions. The carriers' studies and corresponding staff reviews were discussed in correspondence, telephone conversations, conference calls, and a three-way meeting. GTE thereafter formally filed proposed rates and revised studies that contained the data required by Section 43.43 of the Commission's rules.

The table below shows the two GTE companies and the affected jurisdictions. The table also lists the proposed expenses and composite rates for each jurisdiction, the current expenses and composite rates (developed using the currently prescribed depreciation rates), and the percentage change in expenses (proposed vs. current).

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN ANNUAL DEPRECIATION  
EXPENSES  
BY JURISDICTION**

Carrier-Jurisdiction	Investment (\$000)	Annual Depreciation Expense and Composite Rate					
		Current		Proposed		Proposed Change	
		Expense (\$000)	Percent (%)	Expense (\$000)	Percent (%)	Expense (\$000)	Percent (%)
GTE – Hawaii	1,805,753	122,688	6.8	124,131	6.9	1,443	1.2
GTE Northwest:							
Idaho	375,800	25,559	6.8	25,915	6.9	356	1.4
Oregon	988,034	63,492	6.4	67,051	6.8	3,559	5.6
Washington	2,165,975	146,069	6.7	152,866	7.1	6,797	4.7

Interested parties may file comments no later than **June 19, 2000**, with the Secretary, FCC, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Replies to these comments should be filed no later than **July 3, 2000**. Comments should reference File No. ASD 00-27. A copy of each pleading should be sent to Fatima K. Franklin Chief, Reporting Management and Analysis Branch, Accounting Safeguards Division, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room 6-B145, Washington, DC 20554 and to the Commission's contractor for public service records duplication, International Transcription Services, Inc. ("ITS"), 1231 20<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036. Copies of GTE's initial 2000 depreciation rate study submissions, the Common Carrier Bureau staff's preliminary reports on these submissions, the depreciation rate filings and other data supporting the proposed rates are available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. These documents may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc. (ITS), 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, telephone 202-857-3800, and facsimile 202-857-3805.

Parties may also file comments using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System ("ECFS"). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get the instructions for filing e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and should include the following words in the body of the message" get form <your e-mail address>". A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

We will treat this proceeding as a permit-but-disclose proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules. *See generally* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200-1.1216. For additional information contact Rick Robinson, Accounting Safeguards Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at 202-418-0824.

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